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Chairman Roland J. Lemar  
Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2300  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: I OPPOSE LCO-373, "An Act Concerning The Sustainability Of Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure"

Dear Sir or Madam:

There are numerous reasons I am opposed to the proposed bill, but I'll provide just three:

- the proposed Authority is comprised of unelected officials. No one need fear losing their job by the voters' hand;
- the lack of hard numbers available to the public to evaluate the proposal. The information provided leads to the logical conclusion that the net revenue is less than the number of dollars saved under a competing plan;
- the language preventing expansion to include other vehicle classes being in force for two years. The authors believe people won't understand the interplay between the wording of various sections: we do.

Our government is not a direct democracy, but when the opposition is so overwhelming that legislators can't argue their constituents support a bill, the legislature must respond by killing a proposal and seeking alternative solutions. No bi-partisan compromise on tolls will satisfy the populace, whether they support or oppose tolls. Encourage your colleagues to return to a committee-level search for viable solutions. They exist. The state, her businesses, and her people are depending upon leaders to emerge and protect their families and institutions.

I OPPOSE THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN LCO-373.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward S. De Cortin", with a large, stylized "E" and "D" at the beginning.

Edward S. De Cortin